

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A data processing apparatus is disclosed which processes audio visual (AV) data made up of video or audio data, the apparatus including: receiving means for receiving an edit command specifying how to edit the AV data; editing means for editing the AV data in accordance with the edit command; determining means for determining whether the edit command specifies copying of the AV data; and controlling means which, if the edit command is determined to specify the copying of the AV data, then transfers the AV data from a copy source to a copy destination without synchronizing the copy source and the copy destination in operation; and if the edit command is determined to specify an editing action other than the copying of the AV data, then transfers the unedited AV data to the editing means for the specified editing action, and transfers the edited AV data to the recording/reproducing means for storage therein, while synchronizing the editing means and the copy source and the copy destination in operation.